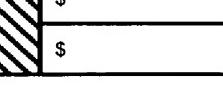


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/006371	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 June 2003 (17.06.2003)	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/522048
TITLE OF INVENTION CLOSING CONE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SPETHER, Karl-Heinz		
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